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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 1999

We dedicate this town report to the memory of Fred Gilson, a long time resident and former employee, who passed away this year. Mr. Gilson served in the Mason police department for 29 years and became the Town's first Police Chief serving in that capacity from 1972 to 1984. He was also the Town's Fire Chief in 1959 and the early 60's until the current Volunteer Fire Department was established. Fred was a quiet man, on the cover is a rare photo of him in uniform.

1999 was an interesting and quiet year for the Board of Selectmen and the Town. Old Home Day was the highlight of the year and a huge success with a wide variety of interesting activities, displays, arts and crafts, games for the young and old, including the Dunk Tank. There was something for everyone and everyone's appetite. The day was well attended by many former residents as well as new residents. We extend a special thank you to the Mason Historical Society and its President Barbara Milkovits for a great day, long to be remembered.

The porch and ramp to the Mann House are nearly completed. The porch is similar to the original one and looks very well indeed. To Marty Milkovits, the builder, we thank you for the postponement of the project until after Old Home Day. We do hope you didn't get too cold!

To the Highway Department we extend a thank you for the grounds work and the paved walkway leading up to the ramp.

The Town Hall has seen more use this year with the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and the elementary school activities and the Wolf Rockers with their dances. We appreciate the Wolf Rockers refinishing the Town Hall floor. It really enhances our building to have a nice shiny finish on the floor.

To the volunteers each and every one of you, your work and effort and time are greatly appreciated by the townspeople and the Board of Selectmen and we thank you. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can check with Committee Chairmen or with the Selectmen's Office.

The Selectmen's Office continues to operate efficiently and with attention to detail. The growth of the Town has increased and the Office has kept pace with it. Thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Milkovits for her efficient manner in our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Richards

Kenneth Greene

Wolfgang Millbrandt

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Monday through Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday Evening 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Last Wednesday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday
By Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term		
Catherine Schwenk		March 2000
TOWN CLERK 3 yr term		
Charlotte N. Hastings		March 2002
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK		
Deborah Mullan, Appointed		March 2002
TREASURER 3 yr term		
Mary Ann Broden		March 2002
DEPUTY TREASURER		
Maria Eaton, Appointed		March 2002
SELECTMEN 3 yr term		
Anne Richards, Chairman		March 2002
Kenneth Greene		March 2000
Wolfgang Millbrandt		March 2001
TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term		
Charlotte N. Hastings		March 2002
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR		
Deborah Mullan, Appointed		March 2002
AUDITOR 1 yr term		
		March 2000
SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term		
Sandra LeClair, Chairman		March 2000
Karen Chemello		March 2004
Joan Losee, Appointed		March 2002
LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term		
Judith A. Forty		March 2001
Lynne McCann		March 2000
Linda Lamy		March 2002
TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term		
Robert Larochele		March 2000
Wallace A. Brown		March 2001
Arthur Rafter		March 2002
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term		
<vacant>		March 2002
Barbara Schulze		March 2001
George Schwenk		March 2000

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2002
Robert Larochelle	March 2002
Gretchen West	March 2000

PLANNING BOARD

Bruce Mann, Chairman	March 2001
William Downs	March 2002
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 2002
Dennis Meehan	March 2001
Don MacIntosh	March 2000
Constance Lacasse, Clerk	
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary McDonald, Acting Chairman	March 2001
Michael Davieau	March 2001
Robert Bergeron	March 2001
Ulysses Shields	March 2000
David Eaton, Alternate	March 2001
Kevin Casey, Alternate	March 2000
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Catherine Schwenk, Chairman	March 2000
Dorothy Millbrandt	March 2000
Timothy Washburn	March 2000
Martin J. Milkovits	March 2000
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2000
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2002
Marcia Osborn	March 2000
Charles Lanni	March 2000
Florence Roberts	March 2002

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Curtis Dunn, Chairman	March 2000
Florence Roberts	March 2002
C. Christopher Guiry	March 2001
William Downs, Town Forester	March 2000
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman, resigned	March 2000
Paula Babel, Chairman	March 2000
Wallace A. Brown	March 2001
Gretchen West	March 2002
Karen Lundstedt	March 2002

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2000
Lynn Roman	March 2002
Teri Parker	March 2000
Florence Wilson	March 2001

POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf
Barry Hutchins
Michael Farrey
John LeBlanc, Sr.

Police Chief
Full Time Sergeant
Special Police Officer
Special Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook
Cheryl Greenwood
David Baker
Robert A. Bergeron
Frederick W. Greenwood
Rodney Stedman
Roland Theriault
Marcel Bernier
Wallace Brown
John Dube
Curtis M. Dunn
Christopher Greenwood
Kerri Greenwood
Charles Lanni
John LeBlanc Sr.
Andrew Losee
Robert L. Malboeuf
Don MacIntosh
Andrew Milkovits
Bernard O'Grady
Philip Phalon Jr.
Anne Richards
Donna Richardson
Mark Richardson
Stuart Sherman
Steve Tamulonis
Dave Flannery
Matt Crehan
Rick Griffith
Cindy Tibbetts
Jeanine Phalon
Charles Milkovits

Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D/CD Director
EMS Coordinator/EMT-D
1st Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/First Responder
Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder
1st Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/First Responder
2nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Firefighter
Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Firefighter/EMT-D
Deputy Warden
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
EMT-D
Firefighter
EMT-D
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter/First Responder
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-D
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-I/D
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
EMT-I/D
First Responder
First Responder

Explorers

Marta Casey, Kate Greenwood, Steve Dunn, Dan Warshaver, Jon Lavoie,
Beth Crehan, Bob Broden

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Curtis M. Dunn
David P. Cook
Kenneth B. Wilson
Kenneth B. Wilson
William Downs
John P. Dube
Wallace Brown
Carol Fisette
Kenneth B. Wilson

ROAD AGENT
ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
TOWN FORESTER
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
SEXTON
HEALTH OFFICER
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2000 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Moderator	2 years
Auditor	1 year
Library Trustee	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	2 years

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 2000, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred eighty-one dollars (\$831,281) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
3. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that lease agreement for the purposes of leasing a 2000 GMC vehicle for the Police Department. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and adopt the By-laws for the Town of Mason Cemeteries as proposed by the Board of Cemetery trustees or take any other action relative thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new backhoe for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the third payment of the radio frequency link of the communication system as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1998, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of exploring new options for the municipal buildings or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$265) for the purchase of web site space to house a Town of Mason home page, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 1999 Fund balance of that amount received from the 1999 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five dollars (\$25) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 1999 Fund balance of that amount received from the 1999 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of air bags from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association.
14. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town of Mason Communications Fund, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining communications for the Town, and to appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the December 31, 1999 Fund Balance to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief as agents to expend from the Communications Fund. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation for improvements to communications of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association.
16. To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. (The land use change tax comes from property taken out of Current Use taxation for development or other non-conservation purposes.) Petition Warrant Article proposed by the Conservation Commission.
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00/99
Town Officers' Salaries											
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0%
Moderator	300	300	100	100	200	200	100	100	100	100	0%
	4,625	4,625	4,425	4,425	4,525	4,525	4,425	4,425	4,425	4,425	0%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries											
Tax Collector	7,250	7,562	7,250	7,180	7,250	6,980	7,250	6,634	7,250	7,250	0%
Town Clerk	3,000	4,003	3,000	6,828	3,000	6,402	3,000	6,825	3,000	3,000	0%
	10,250	11,565	10,250	14,008	10,250	13,382	10,250	13,459	10,250	10,250	0%
Administration											
Administrative Ass't	17,960	17,958	18,590	18,584	19,300	19,298	20,650	20,648	22,150	22,150	7%
Payroll taxes	2,950	2,801	3,050	3,066	3,050	3,071	3,150	2,897	3,500	3,500	11%
Health insurance	6,200	6,128	6,200	6,000	5,710	5,710	6,645	6,227	7,340	7,340	10%
Workers comp.	850	804	850	576	850	803	850	600	600	600	-29%
Advertising	65	29	65	82	70	91	70	154	125	125	79%
Bank service charges	675	641	525	622	575	195	400	-104	150	150	-63%
Association dues	55	35	55	35	55	50	55	65	55	55	0%
State Dog Fees	0	608	0	586	0	452	0	626	0	0	0
Conferences	600	120	600	160	600	140	800	100	800	800	0%
Computer services	1,700	1,681	1,700	1,832	1,700	1,810	1,800	1,964	1,950	1,950	8%
Mileage	200	358	250	126	250	161	225	177	225	225	0%
Contingency	200	717	200	99	200	826	200	260	200	200	0%
Postage	1,100	1,101	1,200	1,036	1,200	1,030	1,200	992	1,200	1,200	0%
Registry fees	250	223	250	256	250	244	250	324	250	250	0%
Repairs & maintenance	200	514	200	754	500	170	250	170	250	250	0%
Retirement Ins	872	897	915	916	960	947	975	995	1,100	1,100	13%
Office supplies	1,300	1,758	1,350	1,299	1,550	1,827	1,500	1,634	1,700	1,700	13%
Telephone	750	685	700	650	650	731	700	666	700	700	0%
Town reports	700	689	700	811	860	858	900	845	950	950	6%
	36,627	37,747	37,400	37,490	38,330	38,414	40,620	39,240	43,245	43,245	6%
Cemetery Expenses											
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	2,038	1,500	1,792	1,500	1,504	1,500	1,127	1,500	1,500	0%
Cemetery salaries	6,350	6,574	6,550	5,874	7,000	6,956	8,000	8,641	8,250	8,250	3%
Payroll taxes	500	503	500	542	540	533	615	661	630	630	2%
Workers comp.	600	595	600	509	700	630	700	698	750	750	7%
	8,950	9,710	9,150	8,717	9,740	9,623	10,815	11,127	11,130	11,130	3%

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00/'99
Reappraisal of Property											
Assessing	5,200	2,640	3,000	2,398	2,500	1,910	2,250	2,360	2,750	2,750	22%
Tax map update	485	485	485	255	485	485	485	485	485	485	0%
	5,685	3,125	3,485	2,653	2,985	2,395	2,735	2,845	3,235	3,235	18%
Town Building Expenses											
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,708	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,135	3,800	3,800	0%
Supplies	125	117	125	99	125	145	125	113	125	125	0%
Heat	2,200	2,395	2,200	2,298	2,200	818	2,000	1,543	2,000	2,000	0%
Electricity	2,100	1,857	2,100	2,015	2,100	2,044	2,100	1,971	2,100	2,100	0%
Repairs & maintenance	3,000	2,316	3,000	6,073	3,500	6,101	3,500	7,662	3,500	3,500	0%
	11,225	10,485	11,225	14,192	11,725	12,858	11,525	14,422	11,525	11,525	0%
Employment/Insurance Expenses											
Accident/Health Insurance	1,930	1,744	2,100	2,666	2,550	2,349	3,230	3,221	3,660	3,660	13%
Unemployment taxes	700	634	700	713	700	764	750	849	750	750	0%
Liability insurance	23,000	22,003	23,000	21,544	23,000	20,356	23,000	16,028	20,000	20,000	-13%
	25,630	24,381	25,800	24,923	26,250	23,469	26,980	20,098	24,410	24,410	-10%
Planning & Zoning											
Salaries	1,200	815	1,200	1,548	900	1,300	900	950	0	0	-100%
Payroll taxes	92	62	92	109	70	94	72	63	0	0	-100%
Advertising	300	199	280	361	280	175	150	241	150	150	0%
Training	0	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	80	80	0%
Board of Adjustment	500	994	900	0	423	356	1,093	55	894	894	-18%
Historic District Commission	50	10	50	0	10	10	300	84	300	300	0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	1,370	1,814	1,382	1,520	1,390	1,390	1,411	1,411	2,857	2,857	102%
Supplies	150	268	150	309	150	309	230	257	50	50	-78%
Postage	150	32	150	304	150	216	150	210	150	150	0%
	3,812	4,194	4,204	4,149	3,503	3,850	4,306	3,271	4,481	4,481	4%
Building Inspection											
Bldg inspector-fees	1,000	832	1,000	1,691	1,000	1,889	1,000	3,063	1,000	1,000	0%
Payroll taxes	77	64	77	124	77	130	77	217	77	77	0%
Expenses	300	352	300	120	300	168	300	341	300	300	0%
	1,377	1,248	1,377	1,935	1,377	2,187	1,377	3,621	1,377	1,377	0%
Health & Welfare											
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	25	0%
Animal control	2,000	2,077	2,000	1,195	2,000	480	2,000	1,919	2,000	2,000	0%
Town poor	2,000	585	2,000	0	2,000	98	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0%
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%

2/29/00	1996		1997		1997		1998		1999		1999		2000		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00/99
	5,525	4,162	5,525	2,695	5,525	2,078	5,525	3,419	5,525	5,525	5,525	5,525	5,525	0%	0%
Ambulance															
Ambulance Service Fee	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	0%
Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	814	1,000	1,000	1,000	655	1,000	655	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%
Training	1,000	1,000	1,200	530	1,200	892	1,200	310	1,200	310	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0%
	5,675	5,675	5,875	5,019	5,875	5,567	5,875	4,640	5,875	4,640	5,875	5,875	5,875	5,875	0%
Library															
Library salaries	16,180	16,180	16,535	16,597	17,480	15,726	17,983	17,903	20,313	20,313	20,313	20,313	20,313	20,313	13%
Payroll taxes	1,240	1,238	1,265	1,269	1,338	1,203	1,376	1,370	1,554	1,554	1,554	1,554	1,554	1,554	13%
Worker's Comp.	60	60	60	60	60	56	60	60	65	65	65	65	65	65	8%
Dues, fees & educ	620	536	720	688	820	767	995	828	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1%
Equipment maintenance	0	0	55	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0%
Programming	225	225	125	125	125	91	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	0%
Matching Funds	150	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	325	325	400	404	400	390	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	0%
Telephone	420	490	1,050	1,036	1,050	1,109	1,110	1,162	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	8%
Copy machine	460		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	230	215	230	230	230	146	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	0%
Books	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,507	2,500	2,447	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0%
	22,485	22,001	23,015	23,059	24,078	22,010	25,154	24,953	27,762	27,762	27,762	27,762	27,762	27,762	10%
Parks & Recreation															
Grounds improvements/repairs	300	150	300	90	300	130	300	358	300	358	300	358	300	358	0%
Lawn supplies	300	0	250	110	250	0	250	70	250	70	250	250	250	250	0%
Mowing	600	330	600	315	600	360	600	435	600	435	600	600	600	600	0%
Recreation area expenses	300	223	325	26	325	0	325	0	325	0	325	325	325	325	0%
Stone dust	250	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	200	200	200	0%
Toilet facilities	125	80	125	90	125	465	125	420	300	420	300	300	300	300	140%
Trash removal	90	60	90	60	90	30	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	0%
Activities/Rec day	450	564	600	353	600	625	600	384	527	384	527	527	527	527	-12%
Patriotic purposes	600	551	500	500	600	231	300	225	300	225	300	300	300	300	0%
Electricity	60	62	85	50	85	75	85	150	240	150	240	240	240	240	182%
Street lighting	960	984	1,000	1,002	1,000	960	1,000	962	1,000	962	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%
Town common	2,850	2,939	3,850	3,792	3,850	4,014	4,000	5,225	4,000	5,225	4,000	5,225	4,000	5,225	0%
Payroll taxes	220	207	300	236	300	304	306	394	306	394	306	394	306	394	0%
Worker's Comp	317	277	400	300	400	399	400	402	800	402	800	800	800	800	100%
	7,422	6,427	8,625	6,924	8,725	7,593	8,581	9,115	9,238	9,115	9,238	9,238	9,238	9,238	8%

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00/99
Water Hole											
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	500	349	500	500	0%
House & water hole #s	125	125	385	325	182	180	175	185	125	125	-29%
	1,125	125	1,385	325	1,182	1,180	675	534	625	625	-7%
New Hampshire Municipal Asso											
Wilton Recycling Center	500	500	500	500	500	500	560	526	635	635	13%
Communication Expenses	29,040	29,040	39,063	31,803	27,429	27,429	30,190	30,183	51,275	51,275	70%
Legal Expenses	41,594	38,990	19,500	19,415	19,500	20,642	19,500	18,251	19,500	19,500	0%
Civil Defense	5,000	7,053	5,000	2,928	3,500	2,254	3,000	4,409	3,000	3,000	0%
Conservation Commission	100	100	100	184	100	0	100	0	100	0	0%
Election Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,328	1,500	15,661	1,500	11,928	1,750	1,750	17%
Town Forestry Committee	2,200	1,352	500	504	800	938	675	665	745	745	10%
	750	1,337	750	532	750	60	750	900	4,600	4,600	513%
*Conservation overexpenditure was paid out of the Conservation Fund											
Highway Town Maintenance											
Road agent salary	33,643	33,480	35,550	35,267	36,350	33,388	37,880	37,712	40,437	40,437	7%
Asst road agent salary	27,930	24,404	28,778	28,778	29,866	27,784	30,846	30,331	32,635	32,635	6%
Equipment operator	23,798	23,695	24,521	22,065	25,266	20,743	26,016	24,456	27,248	27,248	5%
Other salaries	32,000	34,170	34,640	42,381	39,140	48,300	41,550	50,587	51,100	51,100	23%
FEMA Reimbursement Other Salaries						-2,027					
Overtime wages	13,500	15,946	11,500	10,648	11,800	7,781	12,300	9,574	12,900	12,900	5%
FEMA Reimbursement Overtime						-1,853					
Payroll taxes	9,860	10,192	10,350	10,778	10,898	10,636	11,370	11,451	12,582	12,582	11%
FEMA Reimbursement Payroll Taxes						-315					
Health insurance	14,534	10,941	12,800	11,067	12,020	11,937	13,500	13,495	15,525	15,525	15%
Alcohol and drug testing	400	270	400	230	350	215	350	190	350	350	0%
Workers comp.	13,370	13,164	16,750	13,345	17,125	12,517	15,400	15,186	18,550	18,550	20%
FEMA Reimbursement Workers' Comp						-453					
Retirement	4,800	5,062	4,300	4,185	5,140	4,943	5,300	5,129	5,670	5,670	7%
Consulting engineer	200	0	250	0	250	0	300	0	300	300	0%
Mileage	2,000	2,191	2,500	1,962	2,500	1,959	2,100	2,162	1,500	1,500	-29%
Fire equipment rental	350	364	500	117	500	104	500	0	200	200	-60%
Calcium chloride	11,500	11,395	12,500	12,473	12,500	12,698	11,000	11,229	11,500	11,500	5%
Crusher	5,000	5,100	5,000	5,370	5,000	6,053	5,000	3,179	5,000	5,000	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Crusher						-755					
Culverts	1,000	868	2,000	2,846	1,500	-186	1,000	1,515	500	500	-50%

2/29/00	1996	1996	1997	1997	1998	1998	1999	1999	2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/99
Oil - pug mill	7,000	7,001	7,000	8,008	9,000	10,095	9,000	9,537	9,000	0%
Oil - sealing	13,500	10,772	15,500	15,620	17,000	17,540	17,000	14,031	19,000	12%
Patch	2,500	2,240	2,500	3,027	2,000	2,849	3,000	2,171	2,000	-33%
Salt	5,000	4,520	4,000	4,216	4,500	7,509	4,500	4,771	4,500	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Salt						-1,484				
Tractor rental	100	84	100	23	100	105	300	0	100	-67%
Truck rentals	200	0	200	0	200	0	100	0	100	0%
Plowing	14,000	15,210	13,000	9,633	13,000	6,740	12,000	7,853	12,000	0%
FEMA Reimbursement Plowing						-2,008				
Expenditures against insurance settlement				1,829		0				
Signs & Rewards			500	585	1,000	662	1,000	1,110	1,000	0%
	236,185	231,069	245,139	244,451	257,005	235,477	261,312	255,669	283,697	9%
Highway Dept. Expenses										
Building maintenance	3,000	4,341	3,000	2,482	3,000	3,374	4,000	4,293	5,000	25%
Chains	600	581	600	590	500	138	500	683	500	0%
Chainsaw repairs	600	35	400	555	300	621	500	964	600	20%
FEMA Reimbursement Chainsaw Repairs						-119				
Dues, education and misc	600	851	800	708	800	785	800	865	900	13%
Edges for plows & graders	1,500	1,721	1,500	1,840	1,800	1,568	2,000	590	0	-100%
Electricity	2,200	2,060	2,300	2,217	2,300	1,793	2,100	1,834	2,000	-5%
Equipment maintenance	18,000	21,509	18,000	17,999	16,000	39,515	17,000	21,147	19,000	12%
FEMA Reimbursement Equipment Maintenance						-5,095				
Fuel	11,000	11,599	11,000	10,962	11,000	10,371	11,000	8,307	13,000	18%
FEMA Reimbursement Fuel						-1,490				
Radios	1,000	1,039	1,000	744	1,500	1,653	1,200	1,190	1,200	0%
Telephone	1,000	969	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,012	1,000	968	1,000	0%
Tires	2,000	1,688	2,000	2,616	2,500	3,305	3,000	3,098	2,500	-17%
FEMA Reimbursement Tires						-746				
Safety equipment	1,200	1,602	1,200	1,353	1,200	1,590	1,400	2,012	1,700	21%
Tools	800	1,001	800	780	1,000	1,108	1,000	578	1,500	50%
Welding supplies	400	584	400	380	500	285	500	433	500	0%
Subtotal	43,900	49,580	44,000	44,252	43,400	59,668	46,000	46,962	49,400	7%
Total Highway Expenses	280,085	280,649	289,139	288,703	300,405	295,145	307,312	302,631	333,097	8%

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/'99
Police Department										
Chief's salary	35,635	35,634	36,703	36,703	38,725	33,448	39,260	35,626	40,437	3%
Fulltime Officer	26,600	26,600	29,600	27,724	27,000	24,922	27,850	27,834	31,000	11%
Third Officer			14,200	12,416	0	0	0		20,535	
Officers' & other salaries	12,900	16,809	14,400	17,095	23,000	38,957	23,000	31,513	18,723	-19%
Payroll taxes	1,890	2,222	2,300	2,486	2,720	3,775	2,750	3,045	2,770	1%
Health insurance	12,770	12,924	14,970	12,103	11,685	11,255	11,750	11,420	15,750	34%
Workers comp.	3,150	3,102	3,880	3,799	3,500	3,389	3,800	3,231	4,000	5%
Retirement	2,490	1,832	3,000	2,605	3,200	2,375	3,600	3,209	4,300	19%
Conventions & dues	200	175	200	300	300	175	300	175	300	0%
Cruiser fuel	2,500	2,571	2,500	2,836	3,000	2,313	3,000	2,679	3,000	0%
Cruiser maintenance	2,500	4,166	3,000	4,511	3,000	2,916	3,000	3,883	3,000	0%
Cruiser lease	9,240	9,240	9,240	8,939	8,520	8,519	8,520	9,264	8,760	3%
Insurance Settlement										
Office expenses	2,750	3,240	3,000	2,830	3,000	2,965	3,000	3,159	3,500	17%
Training	2,000	1,841	2,000	940	2,000	2,203	2,500	2,200	3,000	20%
Uniforms	1,000	1,506	1,500	1,520	1,500	1,382	1,500	713	1,500	0%
Equipment & maintenance	1,000	1,070	2,000	1,906	2,500	1,954	2,000	2,449	2,000	0%
Reports & permits	500	198	500	277	500	358	500	321	500	0%
	117,125	123,130	142,993	138,990	134,150	140,906	136,330	139,724	163,075	20%
Fire Department										
Fire Chief's salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Other Stipends	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750	0%
Warden training	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Workers comp.	990	802	990	809	990	816	990	600	990	0%
Utilities	2,800	2,370	2,800	2,588	3,000	2,294	3,000	2,375	3,000	0%
Telephone	800	633	800	653	800	606	800	735	1,200	50%
Radio repair	800	785	1,000	998	1,000	1,470	1,000	989	1,000	0%
Fuel	750	690	750	1,029	750	422	750	552	750	0%
Code books	150	20	150	163	200	129	200	185	200	0%
Training	1,200	1,752	1,400	1,385	1,400	1,311	2,000	1,503	2,000	0%
Equipment & Maint	3,500	3,484	3,500	3,541	4,000	5,405	4,200	6,623	4,200	0%
Bid maintenance	1,750	2,615	2,000	2,210	2,000	1,588	2,000	1,591	2,000	0%
Officers expenses/Dues	1,400	1,360	1,400	1,346	1,400	1,622	1,400	1,111	1,400	0%
Insurance	200	221	250	239	250	208	250	200	250	0%
Vehicle maintenance	4,000	3,906	4,000	4,066	4,000	4,218	4,000	4,539	4,000	0%
Expendables	350	371	350	283	350	327	350	225	350	0%

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	00/99
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	275	112	275	350	300	10	300	0	300	0	0%
Subtotal	26,290	26,371	26,915	26,909	27,690	27,676	28,490	28,478	28,890	28,890	1%
Fire truck bond principal	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,213		
Fire truck bond interest	680	680	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,298		
Truck engine replacement											
Total Fire Dept.	36,970	37,051	26,915	26,909	27,690	27,676	28,490	28,478	55,401	55,401	94%
Interest Tax Notes	40,000	37,000	40,000	38,267	40,000	37,719	29,000	32,154	35,000		21%
Abatelements & Refunds		1,225		139,885		1,340		305			
Total Appropriations	705,277	704,397	717,701	845,463	710,394	719,401	716,250	725,325	831,281	831,281	
Increase over prior year	8.72%		1.76%		-1.02%		0.82%		16.06%		
Total Budget Proposed	701,467		717,701		710,394		716,250		831,281		
Total Budget Voted	705,277										
Warrant Articles '96											
96#3 Dump Truck, 2nd payment	14,352	14,352									
96#5 Fire packs, 2nd payment	9,900										
96#6 Fire overhead doors	8,000	7,031									
96#7 Defibrillator	6,950	6,935									
96#8 Highway Equip From Surp	1,926										
96#10 Sander Body	6,000	6,000									
96#11 Cemetery Lot Markers	5,000	4,999									
96#12 Library Computer	3,500	3,498									
96#13 Lawn tractor mower	2,600	2,600									
96#14 Police printer combination	1,000	999									
96#15 Cemetery lot sales	150										
	59,378	46,414									

2/29/00	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	00/'99
Warrant Articles '97										
97#6 Dump Truck, 3rd payment		14,352	929							
97#7 Fire Equip Capital Reserve		15,000	15,000							
97#8 Highway Capital Reserve		10,000	10,000							
97#10 Cemetery Cap Res Withdraw		3,000	3,000							
97#11 Police Radios		2,000	2,000							
97#12 Police Radar		2,000	2,000							
97#13 Fire Equip Cap Res Transfer		1,700	1,700							
97#14 Fire Equip Cap Res Withdraw			0							
97#15 Cemetery Cap Res Transfer		75	75							
		48,127	34,704							
Warrant Articles '98										
98#4 Highway Improvement			50,000	50,000						
98#5 Communications Link			10,000	30,000						
98#7 Highway Pickup Truck		Plus borrow \$20,000	17,000	17,000						
98#9 Fire Truck Capital Reserve			12,500	12,500						
98#10 Mann House Ramp			8,500	8,500						
98#11 Highway Plow			7,000	7,000						
98#12 Fire Dept Airpaks and Masks			5,050	4,993						
98#13 Police Radar			2,000	2,000						
98#14 Office Computer Equipment			2,000	2,000						
98#15 Transfer to Highway Cap			1,100	1,100						
			115,150	135,093						
Warrant Articles '99										
99#4 Fire Truck	Includes \$200,000 Bond + \$27,500 Cap. Res.				223,714	223,714				
99#5 Highway Improvement					0	0				
99#6 Highway Cap. Reserve					20,000	20,000				
99#7 Fire Equip. Cap. Reserve					0	0				
99#8 Communications Link					10,000	0				
99#9 Police Cap. Reserve					0	0				
99#10 Paint Mann House					7,000	6,445				
99#11 Old Home Day					1,500	1,500				
					262,214	251,659				

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned (Disbursals)	Ending Balance
TRUST FUNDS						
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$8,924.00	\$936.74	\$9,860.74
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$10,541.99	\$987.95	\$11,529.94
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$21,995.33	\$50.00	\$22,045.33	\$4,807.32	\$1,282.52 (\$1,500.00)	\$4,589.84
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,418.21	\$25.00	\$2,443.21	\$1,356.70	\$172.80	\$1,529.50
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$12,708.90	\$1,806.53	\$14,515.43
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$612.27	\$520.85 (\$559.43)	\$573.69
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$3,487.54	\$665.81	\$4,053.35
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$91,720.66	\$75.00	\$91,795.66	\$42,438.72	\$6,273.20 (\$2,059.43)	\$46,652.49
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
Highway Capital Equipment	\$11,100.00	\$20,250.00	\$31,350.00	\$1,713.11	\$620.36	\$2,333.47
Town Reevaluation				\$2,779.50	\$129.81	\$2,909.31
Fire Equipment	\$27,500.00	(\$27,500.00)	\$0.00	\$1,145.58	\$1,269.08	\$2,414.66
Library Building	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$6,655.50	\$1,111.39	\$7,766.89
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$55,600.00	(\$7,250.00)	\$48,350.00	\$12,293.69	\$3,130.64	\$15,424.33
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$147,320.66	(\$7,175.00)	\$140,145.66	\$54,732.41	\$9,403.84 (\$2,059.43)	\$62,076.82
						\$202,222.48

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
M. Barbara Schutze
George Schwenk

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 1999

REVENUES:	1999	1998	1997
Highway Block Grant	55,475	55,241	\$57,472
Shared revenue	12,060	27,846	29,331
Other state grants	587	666	707
Property taxes	1,335,939	1,684,926	1,645,964
Yield taxes	27,323	47,901	47,317
Land use change taxes	8,800	5,520	5,528
Motor vehicle fees	147,647	134,948	119,770
Penalties and interest	11,975	13,646	15,890
Licenses and permits	6,739	5,074	4,247
Interest income	45,655	45,737	44,650
Dog licenses	2,748	2,699	2,476
Rooms & Meals Tax	24,375	19,060	13,517
Conservation Commission	2,646	14,161	0
Fire Truck Bond	196,213		
Other	31,835	23,185	51,239
Total revenues	1,910,017	2,080,610	2,038,108
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	111,612	116,612	245,659
Cemeteries	11,127	9,623	11,717
Public safety	418,962	239,896	213,477
Highways	323,593	369,145	300,635
Sanitation	30,183	27,429	31,803
Health & Welfare	3,419	7,645	2,695
Education	783,360	1,096,417	1,128,555
Culture and recreation	45,930	45,324	35,840
Debt service	32,154	37,719	38,267
County taxes	124,670	119,253	121,092
Total expenditures	1,885,010	2,069,063	2,129,740
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	25,007	11,547	(91,632)
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	29,000	1,500	6,200
Unexpended encumbrances	1,441	41	0
	30,441	1,541	6,200
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	55,452	13,088	(85,432)
Fund balance beginning	85,893	181,220	266,652
Fund balance ending	249,756	194,308	\$181,220

TOWN OF MASON

Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 1999

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Comittee	All Funds
Cash	\$712,420	\$63,774	\$138,448	\$4,307	\$55,442	\$974,391
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	30,435					\$30,435
Unredeemed taxes	29,657					\$29,657
Uncollected taxes	89,143					\$89,143
Total assets	\$861,655	\$63,774	\$138,448	\$4,307	\$55,442	\$1,123,626
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts Payable	\$200					200
Escrow funds	1,000					1,000
Encumbrances	223,714					223,714
Payroll taxes payable						0
Due to schools	386,985					386,985
Total liabilities	611,899	0	0	0	0	611,899
Fund balances	249,756	63,774	138,448	4,307	55,442	511,727
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$861,655	\$63,774	\$134,159	\$4,307	\$55,442	\$1,123,626

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1999	582,498
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	150,656
Tax Collector	1,390,691
Selectmen	204,339
Interest income Fleet	1,231
Interest income NHPDIP	43,645
Interest income on TAN	779
Tax Anticipation Loans	1,000,000
Fire Truck Bond	196,213
Total cash available	3,570,052
Selectmen's orders paid	1,492,125
Payroll disbursements	333,353
Tax anticipation loans repaid	1,000,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	32,154
Bank service charges	0
Total monies paid out	2,857,632
Cash on hand, December 31, 1999	712,420

Mary Ann Broden Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	5458.21	5458.21	
15-Aug-00	196,213	16,213	4.50%	4,839.70	21,052.79	26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	4,475.00	4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	4,475.00	24,475.00	28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	4,025.00	4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	4,025.00	24,025.00	28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	3,525.00	3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	3,525.00	23,525.00	27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	3,025.00	3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	3,025.00	23,025.00	26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	2,525.00	2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	2,525.00	25,525.00	25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	2,025.00	2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	2,025.00	22,525.00	24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	1,525.00	1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	1,525.00	21,525.00	23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	1,025.00	1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	1,025.00	21,025.00	22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	525	525	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	525	20,525.00	21,050.00
Totals		196,213		55,648.00	251,861.00	251,861.00

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,856,850
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	497,827
Consevation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	32,547,700
Public Utilities (PSNH)	1,300,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>46,204,077</u>

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	95,000
Solar Exemptions	9,400
	<u>104,400</u>

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

46,099,677

NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)

44,799,677

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

	Limit	No.	Credits
Totally and permanently disables veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	51	\$5,100

1999TAX RATE

Town	9.41
County	2.68
State Education	9.58
School	7.68
Total Rate	<u>\$29.35</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS For the year ended December 31, 1999

	Levies of: 1999	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1,1999		
Property Taxes		\$109,140.55
Land Use Change Taxes		3,919.84
Yield Taxes		8,961.10
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,335,939.41	
Land Use Change Taxes	8,800.00	
Yield Taxes	27,335.48	
Interest & fees	413.98	1587.96
Returned Checks		25.00
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	1,790.64	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees		39.04
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	94.82	4,335.03
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,374,374.33	\$128,008.52
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,247,950.93	\$86,590.92
Land Use Change Taxes	8,800.00	3,919.84
Yield Taxes	26,180.78	8,961.10
Interest On Taxes	508.80	5,452.99
Costs		470.00
Overpayments	1,790.64	39.04
Conversion to Liens		22,549.63
Returned Checks		25.00
Abatelements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1999		
Property Taxes	87,988.48	
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes	1,154.70	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,374,374.33	\$128,008.52

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1999

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1998	1997	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$16,632.91	\$14,867.03
Taxes Sold to Town	\$24,555.12	322.77	
Interest & Costs Collected After Sale	436.96		4,760.31
Overpayment			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$24,992.08	\$16,955.68	\$19,627.34
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$8,472.47	\$1,088.27	\$13,422.50
Interest & Cost	436.96	322.77	4,760.31
Overpayment			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			
Deeded to Town		1,969.79	1,444.53
Unredeemed Taxes Year End	16,082.65	13,574.85	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$24,992.08	\$16,955.68	\$19,627.34

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1999	\$50
Cash received:	
Dog licenses	\$2,094
Automobile registrations	\$143,676
Title fees	\$568
Filing fees	\$5
Returned checks	\$79
State dog fees	\$654
Marriage licenses	\$114
Overpay	\$63
Municipal agent fees	\$3,403
Total cash received	\$150,656
Cash remitted to Treasurer	\$150,656
Cash on hand, December 31, 1999	\$50

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Hastings

Town Clerk and Tax Collector



MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The start of 1999 was a very busy month of January, due to several snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain storms. We used more sand in the month of January than in the entire year of 1998! This was a big cost in our labor, such as part time labor and overtime costs.

We had a dry spring, which helped us to have an easier mud season. We were able to start grading the gravel roads earlier than normal. We completed mowing our roads in spring of this year. This improves the line of sight around curves and intersections, making our roads safer to travel on. We replaced three old culverts this year and repaired several others. We spend many hours cleaning water passes and culverts on our road system.

We sealed approximately 2 miles of our paved road system, which included part of Old County Road, Starch Mill Road and Russell Road, with a stone chip seal. We are finding that chip seals give better traction in winter traveling and allow less black ice to form as the little bit of moisture runs in around the spaces in the chips.

Our paved roads were all patched. Another bonus from the chip seal program, our patching costs are decreasing.

I was disappointed that our program for upgrading gravel roads didn't pass at the last Town Meeting. I understand some people's feelings on this issue, but it is in the best interest of the Town that some of the higher volume of traffic roads be changed from gravel to pavement. We are now close to 40% paved and 60% gravel roads. We need to be working to reverse those figures.

We worked on several projects this year for other Town departments, such as Town Buildings and the Railroad Trail. We brushed out the southern end of the trail and started grading and ditching on the trail and hope to put this area in better condition next summer.

Several members of our Department went to different training sessions during the year, learning about maintaining and operating our equipment. Again, Assistant Road Agent David Cook and HM3 David Morrison were regional winners as the Public Works Knowledge Plow Team and First Runner up in the Swansey Regional Championship Team. David Cook was the winner in all three backhoe competitions in the regional and state competitions. We are proud of all your accomplishments!

Because of the lack of snow and ice this fall and early winter, we were able to do other maintenance work such as: working on equipment, buildings, yard cleanup, sand pit work. We are also working on removal of hazardous trees along our highways. This will help us have better electrical power during storms and less roads blocked from fallen trees.

Thanks to the citizens who have assisted us during the year and to other Town Departments who help us in time of need. And a special thanks to our Highway employees for their dedicated service during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis M. Dunn
Road Agent

UPGRADING of HIGHER VOLUME GRAVEL ROADS to PAVED ROADS (A PLAN!)

1998 Wilton Road – COMPLETED!

1999 Project Not Voted

2000 Part of Campbell Mill Road

2001 Marcel Road

2002 Part of Hurricane Hill Road

2003 Part of Starch Mill Road and Part of Abbott Hill Road

2004 Part of Campbell Mill Road

2005 Part of Hurricane Hill Road

2006 Part of Abbott Hill Road

2007 Part of Campbell Mill Road and Part of Hurricane Hill Road

2008 Nutting Hill Road from the Greenville line to the intersection of Batchelder Road

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board wishes to thank Garth Fletcher (13 years), Don MacIntosh (3 years), and Connie Lacasse (8 years) for their dedicated service to the Planning Board. All three resigned this year.

In 1999 there were 13 Hearings held:

- 2 Lot Line Adjustments approved
- 4 Minor(2-lot) Subdivisions granted
- 1 Major Subdivision approval pending
- 1 Referral by Selectmen under Excavation Regulations (abandoned)
- 1 Referral by Selectmen under Site Plan Review
- 1 Lot merger (two lots merged into one)
- 3 Informational Hearings

The Planning Board and Selectmen have agreed to retain Southwest Regional Planning Commission to attend every Planning Board hearing. All agreed that the Town is in need of professional planning consultation.

Two referrals by the Selectmen involved operations that were proceeding without proper permitting. One involved the Town's Excavation Regulations; the other involved the construction of radio towers before the necessary Site Plan Review hearings were held.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mann

Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1998

I have audited all Town departments budgeted or assigned financial responsibilities in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and their financial statements reflect an accurate assessment of the Town's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Broden

Town Auditor

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

This June I will have worked for the Town of Mason for eleven years, which means that I have been able to say "Thank you!" 11 times to the people of Mason and the officials, Selectmen: Chairman Anne Richards, Wolfgang Millbrandt, Kenneth Greene and Assistant Barbara Milkovits. Thanks also to Road Agent Curt Dunn who has dedicated his "life's" work to making the roads safe for all. Thank you to Fire Chief David Cook and EMS Coordinator Cheryl Greenwood and the volunteers that keep us safe.

Barry Hutchins, who has been promoted to Sergeant, is constantly improving his knowledge by attending schools that benefit us all. Part Time Officer John LeBlanc, who has been with us for close to 7 years, has filled many voids. Part time Officer Mike Farrey, who has served since the early '80's, is always ready to assist. Thank you is a small word for the work that these Officers have done over the past year. John Dube, who has taken on the job of assistant/secretary and animal control officer, has brought the files up to date.

In April of this year, I returned to full duty after 13 months and two operations and many months of physical therapy resulting from injuries. Happy to be back!

New Hampshire Standards and Training Office performed an audit and found the files pertaining to the audit incomplete at the time of review. All files are now up to date, including training documentation.

In 1999, the Mason Police Department handled over 700 calls for service requiring official documentation. Due to space limitations, the proceeding breakdowns depict the most significant criminal investigations and calls for service fielded.

THANK YOU TO MY FRIENDS IN MASON WHO SUPPORT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Malboeuf

Police Chief

Police Department Call Activity

Missing persons/runaways	6	Assaults	2	Vandalism	17
Weapons Offenses	2	Domestics	9	Theft	11
Burglary	5	MV Accidents	35		
Ambulance Assist	56	Burglar Alarms	69	MV Total	186
Mutual Aid	54	Criminal Mischief	4	Suspicious Person/Vehicle	28
Arson	1	Drug Related Offense	10	Total Service Related	177
Animal Complaints	107	Untimely Death	1	911 hang ups	13
DWI	16	Arrest	26	Juvenile Related Offense	13
Stand by/wires down	4	Pistol Permits	12		

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Department is awaiting the arrival of the new attack engine that was voted at last year's town meeting. We had hoped it would be delivered near town meeting time in March of this year, however due to a problem with the original chassis manufacturer, the delivery will be delayed approximately three months. We have experienced some serious problems with Engine 2, the truck that is being replaced. So far we have been able to keep this truck in service with some repairs done by the Department members, and feel we should be able to continue to do so until the new truck is delivered.

The Department used the hydraulic rescue tool, donated to the town last year, to successfully extricate a person from a motor vehicle accident.

The Department has started to replace some of the firefighter turnout gear as some of it is 18 years old and is worn out. We plan to accomplish this a little each year as needed.

The Mason Volunteer Fire Department Association has raised enough money to purchase a set of rescue airbags for the department. These should be very helpful for rescue work in the future.

The Department has been approved for a grant from the state forestry department to purchase forest fire equipment. This is a result of the ice storm that we had in January of 1999.

I would like to thank the families of the emergency service personnel as well as the members themselves for their continued support. Once again I need to thank all the Fire Department officers for their help in the operation of the department. Also thanks to Chief Bob and the Police Department, Curt Dunn and the Highway Department, and the Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits for their help during the past year.

Remember that a written permit is needed for outside burning, including incinerators, when there is no snow cover. These may be obtained by calling the dispatch center on the non-emergency number, 1-800-562-8201. As always there is no charge for these permits.

Respectfully submitted

David P. Cook

Fire Chief

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The Mason First Responders continue to grow in membership. We now number 16, which includes First Responder, Basic, and Intermediate levels. Currently, Jeff Partridge, a newcomer to town, is participating in EMT-Basic classes. We responded to 56 calls this year, almost half of which occurred during the daytime hours, 17 were night calls, and 14 were weekend calls. Motor vehicle accidents were responsible for a large number of calls again this year, with the Fire Department also responding, providing us with additional manpower, stabilization of vehicles and extrication of patients, if necessary.

Training with both Brookline Ambulance personnel every month and our own Fire Department enables us to respond with a coordinated effort to provide the most efficient and appropriate care possible. I would like to thank the Brookline Ambulance attendants for their continued dedication and assistance to those of us in Mason. We could not provide the service we do without their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Greenwood

First Responder Coordinator

TRAINING

Training (28 Drills) in-house 1305 man-hours

1999 FIRE CALLS

Mutual Aid Given	14	Chimney Fire	3	Auto Accident	13
Medical Assist	5	CO Detector	1	Missing Person	2
Smoke Investigation	1	Illegal Burn	0	Clear Roadway	0
Structure fire	0	Station Standby	0	Mutual Aid Received	10
Brush fire	5	Car fire	2	Alarm activation	1
Total Calls	47	Total Man-Hours	1164		

AMBULANCE CALLS

Abdominal Pain	2	Allergic Reaction	1	Asthma Attack	1
Assault	3	Back Pain	1	Bee Sting	2
Behavioral	1	Bleeding	1	Chest Pain	5
Difficulty Breathing	5	Dislocation	1	Doctor Ordered Transport	1
Fall	9	Fire standby	1	Foot Injury	1
Home Illness	4	Horse Accident	1	Lung Cancer	1
Motorcycle Accident	2	Motor Vehicle Accident	8	Non-Emergency Transfer	1
Pregnancy	1	Shortness of Breath	1	Shoulder Pain	2
Total Calls	56				

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The millennium ended on a high note for conservation in Mason, with the purchase of 85 acres on Mitchell Hill Road for the bargain price of \$20,000. This land features panoramic views of surrounding towns, and provides another link in the Commission's efforts to protect the Spaulding Brook watershed area. The property has about three-quarters of a mile of frontage on Spaulding Brook. The land is located near the town's Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, so trails on both parcels can form an interconnected network joined along Mitchell Hill Road. Although it's been recently logged, the land has good potential for wildlife habitat and open space recreation. Many thanks to sellers Terry Schnare and Reginald Lyons of Open View Investments, who made this conservation land purchase possible by agreeing to the bargain sale.

This year the Commission spent \$2,337 to maintain the Mason Railroad Trail. Between the land purchase and Railroad maintenance, the Commission's funds have been largely depleted. For this reason, the Commission is proposing a Warrant article to have the funds collected by the Land Use Change tax (levied when Current Use land is developed) placed in a Land Protection fund. These funds, averaging \$4,370 yearly, can then be put towards conserving Mason's open spaces.

In other Commission activities, various wetlands applications were reviewed, inspected and recommendations made. Margaret Foss, the Wetlands Bureau enforcement officer, gave a public presentation describing how the state's Wetlands Protection Law works, and her duties to enforce it. The Commission was impressed with her resolve. John Dube of the Mason Police gave a presentation on the various wildlife problems encountered in town.

In March the Commission paid \$110 to have the soil tested beneath the buried heating oil tank that was removed from the Mann House. The test results were clean.

The Commission and the Selectmen, along with the Mason Garden Club, endorsed including Mason in the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area which is proposed for central Massachusetts and the NH border towns. This Heritage proposal recognizes the contributions of this area in the American Revolution and the Industrial Revolution. If this designation is successfully adopted by Congress, it will be a source of financial grants for historic projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason January 1, 1999- December 31, 1999 Annual Report

In 1999, Home Health Care and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of Home Health Care and Community Services' activities in your community in 1999. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1999 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	101Visits
Physical Therapy	0 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	271Visits
Medical Social Work	8 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	20

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1999 with all funding sources is projected to be \$19,908.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants, and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2000, we request an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue to meet the home care needs of Mason residents. Thank you for your consideration.

Mason Public Library

1999 was spent preparing for the new Century. We updated our collection with many new titles in reference, bestsellers in fiction and non-fiction, and software.

Denise Ginzler did another excellent job coordinating Storytime. The children were delighted with the stories, songs and crafts.

The Sixth Annual Poetry Contest was a huge success – 45 entries. Many thanks to Linda Martin-Berke for the artwork and editing of our poetry booklet entitled “Lingering”. Contestants and poetry enthusiasts enjoyed networking at the Poetry Tea.

The Book and Bake Sale as well as the Old Home Day Raffle were the primary fundraisers for the Summer Reading Program. The upcoming Book and Bake Sale will be May 20, 2000.

The Summer Reading Program, “Once Upon a Summer Read”, had a classic fairy tale theme. As usual, readers were strongly urged to choose titles from New Hampshire authors. The Young Readers Club compiled a binder of book reviews and made scrapbooks of local authors/illustrators, C.W. Anderson and Elizabeth Orton Jones. Twig shared some thoughtful stories and recollections with the group. We celebrated the success of the Summer Reading Program with an Ice Cream Social. All participants received certificates and prizes.

Old Home Day was as memorable for the MPL as it was for everyone in town. Several people with connections to Mason stopped by to see our library. Many commented on the progress that the library has made, recalling the small room adjacent to the parsonage. The family of former resident, Beverly Mairo, visited and were overjoyed to see the use of memorial funds.

Our First Annual Memory Tree was well received with 28 white lights in honor or memory of loved ones. The year closed with a Family Holiday Program highlighted by seasonal stories, songs, and crafts. Special thanks are extended to the Daisies and Brownies for their help with this event. Lee Siegmann gave another memorable oration of “The Night Before Christmas”.

The MPL web page (www.top.monad.net/~masonlib) was developed by a volunteer committee. We appreciate the time and expertise of Mark and Mary McDonald, Marina MacIntosh and Lynn McCann.

We would like to thank our Director Sue Wolpert, Assistant Denise Ginzler, Volunteer Joanne LeCount, and the Trustees for all their hard work and dedication. We greatly appreciate the generous donations from the local community and area businesses. The Mason Public Library is able to provide many services and programs due to this tremendous support.

Respectfully,

Judy Forty

Linda Lamy

Lynn McCann

Library Trustees

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1999

Checking Account Balance - January 1, 1999	4387.11
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account - December 31, 1998	5837.50

Total 10224.61

Receipts

Town Budget	25154.00
Donations	443.93
Fundraising – Book/Bake Sales, Raffle, Poetry Contest	703.97
Investment Income	559.43
Fees and Fines	333.27
Reimbursement for books and magazines	70.08
Checking Account Interest	21.44

Total 27286.12

Expenditures

Salaries	17903.10
Payroll Tax	1369.72
Workers Comp	60.02
Dues and Fees	430.00
Continuing Education	397.99
Postage	75.00
Programming	636.26
Supplies	432.65
Telephone	1162.15
Travel	230.00
Technology	651.46
Books	4009.96
Barclay "Technology" Investment net losses for 1999	334.06

Total 27692.37

Return to Town General Fund	201.36
Checking Account Balance - December 31, 1999	4113.56
Barclay "Technology" Investment Account December 31, 1999	5503.44

Library Statistics for 1999	Catalogued Books	Paperbacks	Audio	Video
Added to collection	673	268	69	148
Lost and/or withdrawn	437	422	5	20
Total collection	9475	1096	269	472
Added by donation	416	268	69	148
Added by purchase	257	0	0	0

Total borrowers	655
Programs	61
Program participants	929
Total items borrowed	8858
ILL: borrowed	236
ILL: lent	73

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been fifty-four (54) Building Permits issued during 1999. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

19	Permanent Dwelling	1,270,467
10	Additions to Home	123,018
6	Porch /Deck Additions to Home	25,790
1	Barn Addition to Home	25,280
5	Garages	32,502
5	Barns	44,973
1	Shed	4,596
1	Office	46,191
6	Septic Repair	18,000
		<u>1,590,817</u>

Of the nineteen permanent dwellings, one was a renewal permit and one was for a home replacing a mobile home. The office replaced a building that had previously been used for an office.

There have been eighteen Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and have them on their mailboxes or posted in full view.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT ON RURAL RIDES

The program began December 3, 1998, but was very slow to get going. After a year it is doing better. I made nine trips on the scheduled day of Thursday. I travel to Peterborough, Temple, Greenville, Milford, New Ipswich and Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Should the service pick up more folks, then we hope to add Tuesdays to the schedule.

We are still looking for drivers! Anyone having time on their hands and wishing to volunteer their services, can call the Red cross office in Keene at 800 244-2214 or Hans and Karen Chemello or Peg Jewell for more information.

Anyone needing a ride for medical appointments, grocery shopping or personal errands that can be done on Thursdays should call the Red Cross office on Monday through Wednesday before noon to schedule their ride.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Jewell Coordinator

REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

This past year the Mason Forestry Committee (MFC) had started a selective thinning on Town lot L-36. The thinning project has been awarded to North Country Lumber, inc. of West Ossipee, NH. The harvest will be conducted as a biomass operation involving the removal of various timber products, including saw logs, hard and softwood pulp and fuelwood chips. Incorporated into this forest management activity was Jesse Knisley's Eagle Scout project. Jesse's project involved the establishment of a Christmas tree farm in the southwest corner of lot L-36. To do this Jesse worked closely with our committee's forester to establish the planting area and to mark and inventory the timber which was to be removed. As part of the thinning project, a four acre clearing was made to serve as the planting area for the Christmas trees. Later a section of the clearing was stumped and made ready to accept the approximately 100 Christmas trees which were planted by the Scouts this fall. It is the Committee's understanding that each year the Scouts will be maintaining the existing trees as well as adding additional trees to the planting area. In time these trees will be sold as a fundraiser for the Mason Boy Scouts. The access and clearing work occurred this past spring and the remainder of the thinning is scheduled to occur sometime before next summer.

The MFC has also taken an interest in opening up and maintaining the Mason Conservation Trail (the old B&M railroad bed) which runs north and south throughout our Town. Because of the recent brush removal work along the railroad bed, we now have improved emergency access throughout the forested sections of our Town. MFC is interested in working with the Conservation Commission to help maintain the Trail in its present condition. We hope that you take the time to enjoy our forests and trails throughout Mason.

Below is as summary of our financial activity during this past year:

MFC General Fund beginning balance January 1, 1999	\$49,519.67
Funds dispersed during 1999:	
-Stump removal lot L-36 (Christmas tree site prep.)	\$900.00
Funds received during 1999:	
-Stumpage payments from lot L-36 (clearing of tree planting area).....	\$4,321.14
-Interest income	\$2,500.80
MFC General Fund ending balance as of December 31, 1999	\$55,441.61

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Forestry Committee

REPORT OF THE WILTON RECYCLING CENTER

The Wilton Board of Selectmen would like to outline some of the occurrences of the past year that have resulted in the 1999-2000 budget being higher than anticipated.

1. We had a change in regime which we believe has resulted in a much cleaner and better operation of the recycling center which has been evidenced by the number of compliments since that change.
2. The sudden illness of a long-term employee has resulted in a substantial part time employee expense and benefits paid to that employee.
3. The new management of the recycling center, with the support of the Board, has undertaken to improve all aspects of the center operations that have been neglected over the past five years.
4. The full impact of Greenfield's withdrawal is reflected in the 2000 budget.

As of January 1, 1999 Mason had a surplus of \$5,241.46, which artificially lowered quarterly payments and created a deficit at year's end. The actual payment by Mason for 1999 was \$35,424.86 (including carryover surplus) and the charge at the end of the year was \$39,564.24.

For budgets going forward, it should be pointed out that Mason's share of Greenfield's departure results in a 13.7% increase to Mason's budget.

We believe, as a Board that the changes made were necessary and are beneficial to all the towns. We regret that this resulted in increased budget expenses for the members of the regional recycling center.

Sincerely,

David Glines

Stuart Draper

Jerry Greene

Wilton Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 1999 was a busy year in the cemeteries. We painted the fence at Pratt Annex with two coats of white stain. We have completed painting about two-thirds of the fence at Prospect Hill cemetery. This required a complete wire brushing as it has been at least twenty years since it was last painted with a metal aluminum paint. We expect to have this fence finished in the spring of 2000.

All lots in the old section of Prospect Hill Cemetery have been sold and lots will now be sold in the new section.

We shall be removing dead trees on the east side of Pleasant View Cemetery. As usual, all cemeteries will be mowed, fertilized, and raked as the weather dictates.

The Trustees have reviewed and amended the By-Laws and updated the lot deed. These will be voted at Town Meeting and then copies will be printed and available for lots in the new section of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace Brown

Arthur Rafter

Robert Laroschelle

Cemetery Trustees



DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Feb. 6	Debbie J. Newton-Schmidt	Colorado	Prospect Hill
Sept. 1	Jong-Sup Yi	Peterborough	Prospect Hill

for the year ending December 31, 1999

Jan. 1	Paule D. Elliott	Arizona	Prospect Hill
Feb. 4	George A. Frank	Fitchburg, MA	Prospect Hill
Feb. 9	Ivan E. Johnson	Mason	
Mar. 8	Aino J. Schlemmer	Mason	Ashby, MA
Mar. 9	Deane L. Bassett	Mason	Cremated
Mar. 16	Hulda O. Forrest	Greenville	Prospect Hill
Mar. 21	Thomas C. Elliott	Manchester	Pratt Annex
Apr. 7	Lillias W. Johnson	Mason	
Apr. 9	Ruth E. Wiik	Pepperell, MA	Prospect Hill
May 5	Elizabeth N. Whitaker		Prospect Hill
May 12	Benjamin Pearse	Mason	

June 8	Paul S. McKinnon	Florida	Prospect Hill
July 3	Ethel E. Lehtonen	MA	Prospect Hill
July 20	Geraldine M. Madison	Mason	
Aug. 21	Ann M. Archambault	Mason	Manchester
Sept. 12	Leontine G. Terrenzio	Milford	Cremated
Dec. 2	Ann M. Wright	Mason	
Dec. 12	Robert w. Kendall	Mason	Acton, MA
Dec. 25	Howard C. Houghtaling	Mason	



MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1999

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Married by</u>
Jan. 1	Matthew R. LeClair Beth N. Kenney	Mason New Ipswich	William J. Donoghue Clergy



BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1999

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Feb. 20	Brendon R. Jeffrey	Nashua	Gregg Jeffrey Heidi Jeffrey
Feb. 22	Brian Scott Covey	Nashua	Jason Covey Beth Covey
Mar. 6	Hayden Y. Rogers	Nashua	John Rogers Marcia Rogers
Mar. 7	Darwin M. Bohrman	Nashua	John Bohrman Gael Bohrman
Mar. 8	Shelby R. Malouf-Pieterse	Peterborough	Shawn Pieterse Sharon Malouf
Mar. 10	Michael A. Adams	Nashua	Anthony Adams Lisa Adams
Apr. 16	Annika L. Anderson	Peterborough	Eric Anderson Kimberly Anderson
June 29	Stephen L. Edelblut	Nashua	Louis Edelblut Kathleen Edelblut
July 4	Madison P. Wheeler	Nashua	Brian Wheeler Nancy Wheeler
Oct. 27	Lily R. Sheridan	Nashua	John Sheridan Lisa Adams
Dec. 21	Sean P. Patterson	Nashua	Richard Patterson Kimberly Patterson



TOWN MEETING March 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Clerk read the Warrant through Article 2.

Polls were declared open at 11:09 a.m. Checklist total was 693. Polls were closed at 7:09 p.m., after 258 had voted. This included 6 absentee voters.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Anne Richards	231
Auditor for 1 year:		
Town Clerk for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	238
Tax Collector for 3 years:	Charlotte N. Hastings	234
Treasurer for 3 years:	Mary Ann Broden	225
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Linda Lamy	227
Library Trustee for 2 years:	Judith A. Forty	241
Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years:	Joan Losee	239
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Arthur J. Rafter	240
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:		

Ballot question:

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the Annual Meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session on a date set by the Selectmen for transaction of other business. (RSA 39:-a) Yes 128 No 110

The meeting was re-opened at 810 p.m.; Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure that we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. She introduced those sitting at the head table. Thanks were expressed to all who were involved with the election process.

We were asked to pause briefly in honor of 3 long time residents who had passed away recently. They were Ivan Johnson, Franklin Morrison and Deane Bassett.

Scouts Jonathan Lavoie and Ryan Kane presented the colors from Troop # 264. The town's newest eagle scout, Timothy Stockman, led us in Pledge of Allegiance. The scouts present were asked to come forward to be recognized for celebrating their 25th anniversary. State Representative Jeffrey C. MacGillivray brought greetings from the Legislature.

The following corrections in the Town Report were noted. Page 35 for the Ilbrary's financial Report. NOW checking account interest should read \$30.51 and that column's total \$28121.78. Page 8 for the Town Warrant, poll hours should be 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The members of the Historic District Commission were omitted. Members are Catherine Schwenk, Martin J, Milkovits, Timothy Washburn and Dorothy Millbrandt.


Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$227,500) for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-seven thousand five


hundred dollars (\$27,500) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. (2/3 ballot vote required)


A motion to amend Article 3 to read \$223,713.50 was made by David Cook and seconded by David Baker. The motion passed.


Mr. Wolpert questioned whether we should also amend the \$27,500 figure. It was pointed out that we could not borrow more than \$200,000 so that figure stays.


Polls opened at 8:39 PM and closed at 9:47 PM.

 **Article 3.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate Two hundred twenty-three thousand seven hundred thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$223,713.50) for the purchase and equipping of a new fire truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Budget Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. Vote was Yes 85 No 16


 **Article 4.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred sixteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$716,250) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.


 **Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to upgrade gravel roads to paved roads, or take any other action relative thereto. This article failed to pass.

 **Article 6.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.


 **Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the future purchase of a fire truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made by David Cook and seconded by Robert Malboeuf to postpone indefinitely Article 7. This motion was passed unanimously.


 **Article 8.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the second payment of the radio frequency link for the communication system as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1998. The vote was unanimous.


 **Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a new Police Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this Fund.


A motion was made by Robert Malboeuf and seconded by David Cook to postpone indefinitely Article 9. This motion passed unanimously.

 **Article 10.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for the painting of the Town Office building - the Mann House. The vote was unanimous.

At this time, a question was raised as to the delay in the building of the handicap access ramp. There was a delay in removing the oil tank, due to EPA regulations.

 **Article 11.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the support of the activities of "Old Home Day of 1999" celebration in Mason, to take place on August 22, 1999.

 **Article 12.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

 **Article 13.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:24 PM.

We adjourned at 10:24 PM Sine Dai

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season, Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid the quick response from the local fire department. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning. REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS (through December 10, 1999)

Forest Ranger Reported Fires

Number of Fires Statewide 1301

Number of Fires Hillsborough County 271 50 acres

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Nowel, Forest Ranger

David P. Cook, Forest Fire Warden

1799 History Highlights

Moderator	Benjamin Mann
Town Clerk	John Blodgett
Treasurer	Selectmen
Selectmen	John Blodgett
	Joses Bucknam
	Joseph Merriam
Representative	Joseph Barrett

"On March of 1799, Benjamin Mann was paid \$8 in full, for making a piece of road (near) Mrs. Chambers, and for liquor at the vendue of Mary Jefts, and doing writing when the Selectmen received a deed of John Smith and for toddy at the time, and for liquor at the vendue of the town land and pound, and the wall around the grave yard, and assisting at said vendue, and for one cord of wood, delivered at the school house in the centre district, for 1798"

"March 20th, the town abated James Withee's taxes, they favored him on account of his losing his barn and rye and hay by fire."

Marriages: Eight marriages were recorded. Reverend Ebenezer Hill performed the marriages.
Deaths: Five deaths were recorded. Two of these were infant children.
Births: Five births were recorded.

STATISTICS: 1790-1801 104 deaths

- 10 - over 70
- 10 Canker rash or throat distemper
- 14 Fevers
- 20 Consumption
- 2 Dysentery or cholera morbus
- 6 Dropsy
- 11 Fits
- 9 Stillborn
- 5 Quinsy
- 2 Chronic
- 2 Cancer
- 3 Intemperance or delirium tremens
- 2 Mortification
- 1 Whooping Cough
- 1 Palsy
- 1 Affection of the heart
- 1 Premature birth
- 5 Diseases not classed (such as obstructed stomach, ulcer on the lungs, cholera, dysentery, vomiting, schirrous tumors)

1790 Census shows 920 people living in Mason. 1800 Census shows 1179 people living in Mason.

All the above information was taken from the Town History - 1749 to 1858 by John B. Hill.

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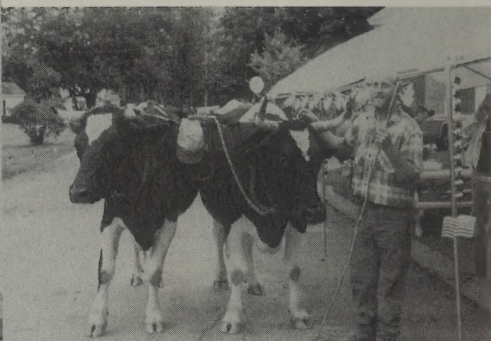
Highlights of Old Home Day – 1999

Photographs by Ron Dube and Mary Ann Broden

Top Row left to right: "Old Fashioned Ladies"- Laila Washburn, Elizabeth Forty, Judith Forty & Meredith Forty, Oxen Pair with Eric Anderson

Middle row left to right: Minuteman John Dube & WWII Veteran Irving Spear, "Uncle Sam" a.k.a. Roy Shepherd & Sara Dunn, State Representative Jeff MacGillivray-Speaker of the Day

Bottom Row left to right: Sap House- Wally Brown with Scouts Mark Dunn & Josh Smith, "Solid Citizens of Mason-1999"- Peg Jewell, Barbara Schulze, Ginie Rafter & Laila Washburn



Old Home Day 1999